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CLAIMS

1. A base material for dry direct tableting which is obtained by impregnating low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose with a sugar or a sugar alcohol and then drying it.

2. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 1 wherein said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose has a degree of compaction of 35% or greater.

3. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 1 wherein said base material has a flowability index of 60 or greater.

4. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 2 wherein said base material has a flowability index of 60 or greater.

5. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 1 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of erythritol, mannitol and sorbitol.

6. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 2 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of erythritol, mannitol and sorbitol.

7. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of erythritol, mannitol and sorbitol.

8. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 4 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of erythritol, mannitol and sorbitol.

9. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 1 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

10. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 2 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

11. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

12. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 4 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

13. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 5 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

14. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed

in claim 6 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

15. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 7 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

16. A base material for dry direct tableting as claimed in claim 8 wherein said sugar or sugar alcohol is present in an amount of 30 to 100% by weight based on said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose.

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